

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**Temporary Emergency Closure on Public Lands in Montrose and Gunnison Counties, Colorado**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Gunnison Field Office

**ACTION:** Temporary Emergency Closure.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a temporary emergency closure is in effect on public lands administered by the Gunnison Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). BLM roads and a trail on public lands managed by the BLM in the High Mesa and Big Blue areas are temporarily closed to all entry or use. This closure is for public and firefighter safety in relation to the East Fork Fire and management of that fire.

**DATES:** This temporary emergency closure will be in effect immediately until it is rescinded.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian St. George, Field Office Manager, Gunnison Field Office, 650 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Gunnison, Colorado 81230; Telephone (970) 642-4940.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Temporary Emergency Closure affects BLM roads and a trail on public lands in the Cimarron and High Mesa areas in Gunnison and Montrose Counties, Colorado. The closed BLM roads and trail are:

- BLM Trail 3176T, High Mesa Trail
- BLM Road 3001, High Mesa Road
- BLM Roads 3001a – i, spur roads off the High Mesa Road
- BLM Road 3006, Big Blue Ridge Road
- BLM Road 3006b

The Temporary Emergency Closure is necessary for public and firefighter safety in relation to the East Fork Fire and management of that fire.

The BLM will post closure signs at main entry points to this area. Maps of the affected area and other documents associated with this closure are available at the Gunnison Field Office, 650 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Gunnison, CO 81230. Under the authority of Section 303(a)

of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)), 43 CFR 8360.0-7, and 43 CFR 8364.1, the BLM will enforce the following rule(s) within the High Mesa and Big Blue areas.

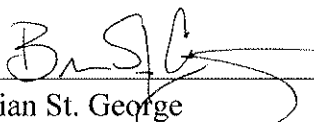
**PROHIBITIONS:**

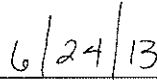
You must not enter or use the closed roads or the closed trail.

**EXEMPTIONS:**

The following persons are exempt from this order: Federal, state, and local officers and employees in the performance of their official duties; members of organized rescue or fire-fighting forces in the performance of their official duties; and persons with written authorization from the BLM.

**PENALTIES:** Any person who violates the above rule(s) and/or restriction(s) may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000, imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

  
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Brian St. George  
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